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Date: February 18, 2024

FOREST PARK HISTORY & ECOLOGY PRESENTATION

When: Thursday February 22nd
Time: 7 pm
Where: Skyline Memorial Gardens (4101 NW Skyline Blvd -- use Gate 2 -- see below)

Marcy Cottrell Houle will speak about the history and ecology of Forest Park on Thursday, February 22nd, 7PM, at Skyline Memorial Gardens (4101 NW Skyline Blvd -- use Gate 2 -- see below). Marcy is a biologist who has studied the park for many years and the author of our favorite books about the park. She is an entertaining speaker and storyteller, as well as an advocate for Forest Park, and we are delighted to have her. Forest Park Conservancy will also be there (I think Marianne Wilburn, their interim Executive Director). After Marcy's talk, Marianne will tell us briefly about a PGE proposal to clear-cut 6 acres of mature forest canopy inside Forest Park. This evening is open to everyone, so invite your friends and neighbors.

Please use GATE 2 -- this is the northern gate into Skyline Memorial Gardens, which will take you directly down to the parking lot. The building we meet in is next to the parking lot. There are markers at this entrance that say "Gate 2". If you use the other gate there is a long circuitous drive and you are likely to have difficulty finding us. Situated in the rugged hills west of downtown Portland, Forest Park is the nation's premier urban natural sanctuary. It supports essential habitat for hundreds of native plants and animals, including species at risk, and is one of the largest city parks in the world, offering miles of outstanding hiking trails within minutes of downtown. Forest Park is a rare treasure.

In the introduction to her most recent book, Forest Park: Exploring Portland's Natural Sanctuary, Marcy writes: "After studying Forest Park as an author and wildlife biologist for over four decades, my appreciation of its value only continues to grow...offering a place where our spirits can be touched by something greater than ourselves."

Marcy Cottrell Houle is a writer and wildlife biologist. Her books have been honored with the Christopher Award, the Oregon Book Award, the Oregonian's Best Books of the Northwest, and New York Times Best Books for Earth Day. Her books include One City's Wilderness: Portland's Forest Park, A Generous Nature: Lives Transformed by Oregon, The Gift of Caring: Saving Our Parents--and Ourselves--from the Perils of Modern Healthcare, Wings for My Flight: The Peregrine Falcons of Chimney Rock, and The Prairie Keepers: Secrets of the Zumwalt. She lives with her family in Portland.

Rumble On The River Community Forum #13--Webinar
Thursday, February 22nd: 7:00-8:30 PM

Register HERE for this ZOOM webinar.

Risky Reality of Our Toxic Mix -- PSU/Multnomah County Report Review "Over 1000 hazardous storage containers at local industries in Multnomah County are in danger of leaking in an earthquake because they were not built to seismic design standards. Those holding hazardous gasses may release toxic plumes into the air that can be life-threatening. These plumes will be carried by the wind to other locations. Other hazmats may spill onto soil and water with dire environmental impacts." -- Tank The Tanks

The panel of experts will present on toxic plume releases following an earthquake or other accident, including

- Review of the Report
- Emergency Management of a Toxic Scenario
- Public Safety Education Resources
- Community Resilience and Preparedness Strategies
- Risk Bonding
- Calls To Action.

Panelists

Luke Hanst: Writer, Project Director, Institute of Sustainable Solutions, PSU
Chris Voss: Director, Emergency Management, Multnomah County
Alice Busch: Emergency Management, Multnomah County; EMT, former Firefighter and Portland NET
Melanie Plaut: Retired OB-GYN with Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

LINK HERE to see "Risk of Earthquake-Induced Hazardous Materials Releases in Multnomah County, Oregon: Two Scenarios Examined", Oct 2023

Rumble On The River are free community forums throughout Portland neighborhoods. The prevailing Rumble focus has been on the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub.

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.
skylinegrange894@msn.com.



Skyline Ridge Reads: "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard"

WHEN: Wednesday, February 21, 2024
TIME: 7 p.m. for a discussion of the book
DETAILS:

- Burt Lazar and Judy Flynn will lead a discussion of this book by Douglas W. Tallamy. Hopefully you will find the ideas inspiring enough to join us in a lively book discussion that will present a hopeful & positive outlook on accommodating more biodiversity on our landscapes.
- We welcome kids to join into the discussion. There is an empowering Young Reader's Edition that drives home the positive point that kids are truly nature's best hope.
- Haven't read the book yet or don't have time to or want extra credit? Listen to the following YouTube link with the author and his positive, logical approach that we all can make a difference. The slides our great, especially those of the insects.
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DONATIONS WANTED: Donate to Grange's March 1-2 Garage Sale

This is the perfect time to clean out your sheds, attics, toys and equipment children have been out grown and house ... and donate to a good community resource.

- Our Spring Garage Sale is Friday-Saturday, March 1-2, 2024.
- All proceeds go to our Capital Improvement Fundraising Campaign to increase accessibility, safety, inclusivity, and functionality of our building.
- Donations for capital improvements are not considered tax-deductible by the IRS. By donating, you do support improvements to a place where local residents can connect, become informed and engaged in activities and in the well-being of our community.
- All donations must be clean & in working condition. See list below of items generally accepted and not accepted.
- QUESTIONS, email skylinegrange894@msn.com.

DROP-OFF DATES

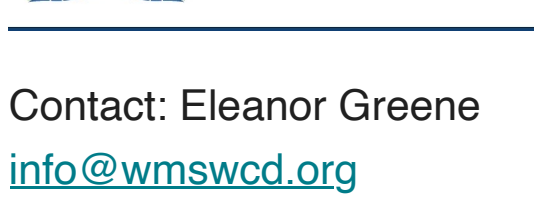
- Fri., Feb. 23 (10 a.m. -- 2 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted
- Sat., Feb. 24 (10 a.m. -- 2 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted
- Sun., Feb. 25 (10 a.m. -- 2 p.m.) both lighter and heavy, bulkier donations accepted

DONATION DEADLINE: Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 2 p.m.

ITEMS ACCEPTED: All donations must be clean & in working condition. In general, we accept donation from all sections of the household, tool shed, barn, furniture, pet/equine equipment, books, DVDs, vinyl records, toys, games, linen, kids' stuff. Clothing must be clean and in perfect condition. Did we say tools, yes tools, please.

ITEMS REJECTED: Please

- No televisions
- No computers, printers, or accessories
- No large exercise equipment
- No audiotapes or VHS tapes
- No child car seats, cribs, potties
- No skis or helmets
- No artificial flowers, Christmas trees or plants
- No dirty, broken, or uncomplete items.



Contact: Eleanor Greene
info@wmswcd.org

February 13, 2024
For Immediate Release

The February meeting of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) Board of Directors will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We welcome the public to all District board meetings, and the meeting agenda allows time for public comment. Any person may attend the meeting and request to make public comment during the public comment period, comments are limited to two minutes maximum per person. A Zoom access code will be required to access the meeting. Interested participants may request the ID by emailing info@wmswcd.org with the subject line "Request for Conference ID" or by calling 503-238-4775 and leaving a voicemail message at extension 100, no later than 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

The Board of Directors will begin with a public hearing regarding acquiring an easement for conservation purposes for the Sturgeon Lake restoration project. The board meeting will begin immediately after the public hearing and the board will vote on acquiring that easement, in resolution #2024-02-20A. This hearing and vote had been rescheduled from the January board meeting due to inclement weather. In addition, the board will appoint Budget Committee Members and discuss a possible change of accounting method. After, they are scheduled to vote on two more resolutions: #2024-02-20B, to adopt the revised employee handbook, and #2024-02-20C, to adopt revised public contracting rules. District Conservationists from National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will share work and partnership updates. Regular business to be covered at the board meeting includes approval of the prior month's board meeting minutes and review of the current financial reports. The agenda can be modified by the Board of Directors at any time during the meeting.

The Board of Directors typically meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. unless specified otherwise. The agenda for this meeting will be available for inspection on the District's webpage the morning of the meeting. Special accommodations for attending may be arranged with advance notice and leaving a voicemail message at extension 100 or by emailing info@wmswcd.org no later than 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. Visit wmswcd.org for more information about the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 3 2024 - Annual SRN Neighborhood Summer Gathering at the Plumper Pumpkin. Again, there will be plenty of activities, food, and a fun time getting together with your neighbors (not to mention lots of donated items for purchase at our auction). If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Brad Graff, bradgraff@gmail.com or Tracey Larvenz tlarvenz@gmail.com.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors Board Meetings: 2nd Thursdays; Contact srn@srnpdx.org for location

Events at Skyline Grange 894
<https://skylinegrange894.org/calendar/> Email: skylinegrange894@msn.com

- Feb. 21, 7 pm:** Skyline Ridge Reads: Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard.
- Mar. 1-2:** Spring Garage Sale
- Mar. 20, 7pm:** Pollinators
- Mar. 22 - June 15:** Garlic Mustard Drop-off site. Info: <https://www.srnpdx.org/garlic-mustard.html>
- Apr. 5-6:** Tree & Native Plant Sale
- Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays;** Contact SkylineGrange894@msn.com to confirm

NET Meetings: Contact SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com

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We welcome classified ads from individuals, families, and home-based businesses within the SRN boundaries. Ads are limited to 50 words, and be sure to include your contact information. Send them to newsline@srnpdx.org and indicate how many times you want your ad to run.
Prices for Newsline ads are as follows:
Families & individuals: First issue is free, then \$5 for each additional repeat of the same ad.
Home-based businesses: \$7.50 per Newsline issue
Commercial businesses: \$10/issue
Please pay for your ad in advance by mailing a check payable to Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc. to our Treasurer, Rachael Braite, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland OR 97231. Be sure to indicate which Newsline ad you are paying for.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website
<https://www.srnpdx.org/>

About Skyline Ridge Neighbors
SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of unincorporated northwest Multnomah County and some adjacent areas within the city of Portland. (<https://www.srnpdx.org/about-us/about-us.aspx>) SRN is registered as a neighborhood association within Multnomah County, registered as a non-profit benefit corporation with the State of Oregon and approved as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the IRS Code. SRN is operated by volunteers and with donated funds entirely.
If you would like to donate to SRN in support of its activities, such as this free Newsline service and the publication of its quarterly Skyline Ridge Runner, send your donation to "Skyline Ridge Neighbors", c/o Rachael Braite, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

About the Newsline
Skyline Rural Watch Newsline is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Erhardt (editor). The Newsline depends on you as a source of accurate information about local crimes, upcoming events, and other news pertinent to the area. If you have information you would like considered for the Newsline, you may do so by e-mailing the information to newsline@srnpdx.org or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. You can subscribe to the Newsline at SRNPDX.org Get the Newsline tab.

About the Skyline Runner
The Skyline Ridge Runner is a free quarterly publication mailed to approximately 1400 households in and rural northwestern Multnomah County, Oregon. A color version is also distributed via email subscription and is posted on website srnpdx.org website. It is published by Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN), an all-volunteer nonprofit neighborhood association, as a public service to provide news and information to residents.
If you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, stories, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication, please email them to editor@srnpdx.org Or call Raeanne at (503) 621-4867 to let her know you're going to send something for the Ridge Runner. Please note that the Ridge Runner may not reach mailboxes until the middle of the month of publication (April, July, October, January). Deadlines for all ad submissions are the 15th of March, June, September and December.

Calendar
Skyline Ridge Neighbor, Inc Regular Board Meeting: The SRN board meetings are routinely held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom login information please reply to this email.
Find the community calendar here: <https://www.srnpdx.org/calendar.html>

Resource Directory
As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the [Skyline Resource Directory](https://www.srnpdx.org/resources). Follow the links in this section to view its contents and learn how to add a business or agency listing. Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.

Community Links
Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET): SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com
Skyline Grange: <https://skylinegrange894.org/>
Forest Park Conservancy: <https://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>
Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linnton.org/>
West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>
Skyline School PTA: <http://www.srns.k12.or.us/schoolpta/>
Lincoln High School: <http://www.srns.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

